

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. An apparatus comprising

a first hollow tube; and

a second hollow tube;

a first device for attaching the first and second hollow tubes to an individual's head;

wherein a first end of the first hollow tube can be inserted into a first nostril of an individual;

wherein a first end of the second hollow tube can be inserted into a second nostril of the individual;

and wherein air can flow through the first hollow tube into the first nostril and through the second hollow tube into the second nostril.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the first and second hollow tubes protrude out from a body portion of a nose piece.

3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein

the body portion is hollow.

4. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein

the body portion is flexible.

5. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein

the body portion is cylindroid.

6. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein

the nose piece includes a flap portion.

7. The apparatus of claim 6 further comprising

an adhesive strip for taping the flap portion of the nose piece to the individual.

8. The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising

a third hollow tube;

a fourth hollow tube; and

wherein the third and fourth hollow tubes protrude out from the body portion of the nose piece.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein

the first and second hollow tubes have a first diameter; and

the third and fourth hollow tubes have a second diameter; and

wherein the first diameter is substantially smaller than the second diameter.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising

a fifth hollow tube and a sixth hollow tube; and

wherein the fifth and sixth hollow tubes are connected to the third and fourth hollow tubes, respectively.

11. The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising

a seventh hollow tube and an eighth hollow tube;

wherein the seventh and the eighth hollow tubes are connected to the fifth and the sixth hollow tubes, respectively, and the seventh and the eighth hollow tubes are attached to a second device for attaching the apparatus to the individual's head;

and wherein the first device is adapted to attach the apparatus at or near the upper lip of the individual and the second device is adapted to attach the apparatus at or near the forehead of the individual.

12. The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising

ninth and tenth hollow tubes;

wherein the ninth and tenth hollow tubes are connected to the seventh and eighth hollow tubes, respectively.

13. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising

a ventilator circuit for supplying air to and through the first and second hollow tubes, and to the first and second nostrils.

14. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising

a ventilator circuit for supplying air to and through the ninth and tenth hollow tubes and to the first and second nostrils.

15. The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising

a first adhesive for attaching the first device at or near the upper lip of the individual; and

a second adhesive for attaching the second device at or near the forehead of the individual.

16. A method comprising the steps of
attaching first and second hollow tubes to an individual's head;
inserting a first end of the first hollow tube into a first nostril of an individual;
and inserting a first end of the second hollow tube into a second nostril of the individual;
and wherein the first and second hollow tubes protrude out from a body portion of a
nose piece and wherein the first and second hollow tubes are attached to the individual's head
through the nose piece, which is attached at or near the upper lip of the individual.

17. The method of claim 16 further comprising
connecting a third hollow tube to the first hollow tube; and
connecting a fourth hollow tube to the second hollow tube;
attaching the third hollow tube at or near the forehead of an individual;
and attaching the fourth hollow tube at or near the forehead of an individual.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein
the body portion is flexible.

19. The method of claim 16 wherein
the nose piece includes a flap portion.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein

the nose piece is attached by an adhesive, which adheres a flap portion of the nose piece to the individual.

21. The method of claim 16 further comprising

attaching third and fourth hollow tubes to the body portion of the nose piece; and
wherein the third and the fourth hollow tubes protrude out from the body portion of the nose piece.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein

the first and second hollow tubes have a first diameter; and
the third and fourth hollow tubes have a second diameter; and
wherein the first diameter is substantially smaller than the second diameter.

23. The method of claim 22 further comprising

attaching a fifth hollow tube to the third hollow tube; and
attaching a sixth hollow tube to the fourth hollow tube.

24. The method of claim 23 further comprising

supplying air to the fifth hollow tube and thereby to the third, and first hollow tubes and to the first nostril;
and supplying air to the sixth hollow tube and thereby to the fourth, and second hollow tubes and to the second nostril.

25. The method of claim 24 further comprising

attaching a seventh hollow tube to the fifth hollow tube;
attaching an eighth hollow tube to the sixth hollow tube; and
attaching the seventh hollow tube and eighth hollow tubes at or near the individual's forehead.

26. The method of claim 25 further comprising

attaching ninth and tenth hollow tubes to the seventh and eighth hollow tubes, respectively.

27. The method of claim 16 further comprising

supplying air to and through the first and second hollow tubes, and to the first and second nostrils.

28. The method of claim 26 further comprising

supplying air to and through the ninth and tenth hollow tubes and to the first and second nostrils.

29. The method of claim 25 wherein

the seventh and eighth hollow tubes are attached at or near the individual's forehead by an adhesive.